

OFFENSE INCIDENT REPORT

Juvenile ☐ Yes
Involved ☒ No
Original ☒
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Agency ORI		FLO610000		SUWANNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE						Agency Case #: 2017-33603																																	
Reported Day	Thursday	Date	11/02/17	Time Mil.	1142	Time Dispatched	1142	Time Arrived		Time Completed	2100																																
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# Offenses	# Victims	# Offenders	# Prem. Ent	# Veh. Stolen	Type Weapon	02. Rifle		03. Knife / Cutting	08. Poison	12. Simulated Weapon																																	
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Injury Type	Relationship To Offender		06. Parent		10. Step-child	14. Teacher	17. Friend	21. Employee																																			
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1368 S.E. County Road 420		Mayo		FL.																																							
Occupation:		Employer:		Address:		Social Security #:																																					
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Report Contains : O.I./P.R./I.R.								Related Report #(s): TL-27-0030																																			
Officer(s) Reporting:				ID #(s): 31-4		Unit : S.O.		Date: 11/02/17																																			
Officer Reviewing:				Routed To:		Referred To:		Assigned to:		By:																																	
Case Status		Clearance Type		Juv/Adult		Date Cleared		Number Arrested		OBTS Number																																	
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Exception Type		2. Arrest on Primary Offense		3. Death of Defender		5. Prosecution Declined		Capias Requested		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes																																	
1. Extradition Declined		Secondary Offense without Prosecution		4. V/W Refused to Cooperate		6. Juvenile / No Custody				<input type="checkbox"/> No																																	

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Date Reported	11/02/17	Agency Case Number:	2017-33603
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On 11/02/17 Thursday at approximately 1142 hours, Sheriff Sam St. John phoned reporting officer that a D.C.F. worker had gone to a residence in Lafayette County to make contact with an older male, sixty-two years old, about his mental condition. When the D.C.F. worker made contact with the subject he pointed a pistol at the worker and threatened to shoot her. When responding officers arrived the male was still armed and had pointed a rifle or shotgun at them so Sheriff Land had requested our help with the SWAT. Sheriff St. John authorized to activate the SWAT team and meet up at highway 27 out from Branford and highway 420 in Lafayette County where we would be "guided" into the location. I then phoned dispatch to contact the SWAT team members for activation and the location for them to go to.

While enroute I phoned Support member Officer Chris Lee to make sure he would make the call out since he was the designated armored vehicle driver, he stated he was out in the woods hunting in another County and would be over an hour to respond so I stated I would go by the office and pick up the armored vehicle.

Upon my arrival at the Criminal Division I began to load up the Agency's armored vehicle, a military surplus Caiman MRAP, with the ballistic shields and my personal SWAT equipment from my duty vehicle. Investigator Jose Garcia, another team member arrived to assist along with Live Oak Police Lt. Keith Davis (another team member). We then changed out in clothing and Investigator Garcia was advised to head on while Lt. Davis loaded up his equipment in the MRAP to ride with me. While finishing up County Fire Rescue medic Wesley Schneider, the team's combat medic phoned saying he was working at Station two in McAlpin and could I stop by and pick him up, I agreed.

While enroute out of Live Oak to the location in Lafayette County I received a phone call from Assistant Team Leader Sgt. Brian Barrs who was on site to brief me about the situation. He stated that after the initial incident where the D.C.F. worker came to the residence and the pistol was held to her head and after she left and reported it that Lafayette County deputy responded to the residence, as he was pulling up to the residence the subject was standing in the yard and pointed either a rifle or shotgun at the deputy driving up so the deputy backed out, there had not been any shots fired. The deputies had a perimeter set up on either side of the residence blocking traffic on highway 420. The suspect's ex-wife lived next door in a camper and she and other neighbors had been evacuated from the inner perimeter and one of the team snipers was being deployed out (Corporal Zack Clark). I asked if any dialog had been

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established with the subject, Sgt. Barrs stated that Lafayette County S.O. had made attempts but the subject was unresponsive and would not comply when asked to drop the weapon.

Upon arrival at the scene (1368 S.E. County Road 420, Mayo Florida), I pulled up to the north end of the perimeter on highway 420 that had been blocked by Lafayette County S.O. I was told that the other SWAT team members were on the other end (south end) of the perimeter and the deputy pointed out the subject's house on the right (West) side of highway 420. This Officer then eased the MRAP through the perimeter and slowly moved past the subjects residence to observe the layout of the property, as we started moving past, Sgt. Davis and myself observed a white male standing outside the residence, what we considered the back door (on the south side) holding one hand on the door watching us and holding what appeared to be a shotgun in his right hand. He did not point the shotgun toward us but watched the vehicle move slowly past his residence until we reached the south perimeter.

I met up with Sgt. Barrs and the other team members including Sheriff St. John, Sheriff Land, Lafayette County deputies, State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister and Chief Investigator Lisa Long at the make shift command post (behind some official vehicles), on a side dirt road. I was also told that including our team sniper (Officer Zack Clark), Lafayette County had two deputies at two corners of the residence (I believe the South and North front corner toward highway 420) in the woods. I was shown a hand drawn diagram of the inside of the residence, was briefed that the subject, identified as a Joseph Molnar, approximately sixty-two years old, would not answer any hails toward him to talk so I outlined to Sheriff Land the steps we would take. We would first move toward the residence slowly in the MRAP to make verbal contact with the subject and attempt to "talk him out" to des-escalate the situation. If that did not work, the next option would be to use tear gas to have him exit the residence and the last option and least preferred would be to conduct an entry into the residence to arrest him. My concern was that with his behavior he might "barricade" himself in the residence making it more dangerous for both team members and subject to conduct an arrest. The second team sniper (Officer Cory Horne), who was dressing out was deployed on the East side of the residence in woods across from the front of the residence (on highway 420 side). I advised him once in place to give me a situation report and then we would move toward the house to make verbal contact.

Within twenty minutes the second sniper, Officer Horne, was in place on the front side of the residence so I had Officer Clayton Watson man the turret on top of the MRAP due to him being a former Marine drill instructor with his loud booming voice to be designated to make verbal contact with the subject as we pulled up. I advised Cpl. Watson that when we pulled up,

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I would stay backed away from the house, not up close and for him to immediately give verbal commands for the subject to come out to talk with us. If he came out then to give verbal commands to talk and establish a dialog so we could hopefully talk to him and de-escalate the situation. Due to Corporal Watson being one of the Team's assigned "shield" operator (ballistic shield), he had not brought his rifle onboard the MRAP (shield operators only have their pistols), so Lt. Keith Davis handed his rifle to Cpl. Watson to have in the turret. This officer (Lt. Musgrove) would drive the MRAP while a small team would stage in the back if needed (Sgt. Brian Barrs, Lt. Keith Davis, Sgt. John Zimmermann, Officer Jose Garcia, Officer Joe Woloszyn and team medic Wesley Schneider). Three less lethal / tear gas backpacks with launchers (from this Officer, Sgt. Barrs and Sgt. Zimmermann), were placed in the MRAP for possible future use. After manning the MRAP and announcing to all units involved of our intentions we started driving up toward the residence, driving up highway 420 slowly I brought the MRAP to the first of the driveways leading up to the residence. I stopped since it appeared that several trees were in the way inside the driveway and asked Cpl. Watson in the turret if he could tell if the second drive way was better to enter, from his elevated position he stated to continue on this first driveway so I turned into the driveway. As I straightened out approximately ten yards off highway 420 I immediately saw the subject standing outside the rear (South) door holding a shotgun in his hand, I reported loudly eyes on subject and described the subject standing outside holding a weapon, Cpl. Watson immediately began shouting "Joseph, put the gun down" approximately two times when I observed the subject then point the shotgun toward the vehicle and fire one round. Corporal Watson in the turret fired one round and due to trees coming up in front of the MRAP I had to start turning right to avoid them, I kept my eyes on the subject as I was turning and right after Corporal Watson returned fire with one round the subject appeared to go down in a kneeling position, I continued to hear Corporal Watson in the turret give vocal commands, "Joseph put the gun down" or "Joseph put it down" and I could tell the subject was "racking" the slide to the shotgun and with the MRAP at an approximate 45 degree angle to him (turning right) the subject then pointed the shotgun at the vehicle and fired a second round, Corporal Watson then returned fire with four or five rounds and the subject then laid out on the back porch. I had let the MRAP coast to a stop and both Corporal Watson and myself was yelling "he's down" so with Corporal Watson stating he was "covering", the team in the back of the MRAP dismounted and moved toward the subject on foot with a ballistic shield. The team then approached the subject, when I saw that they had the subject covered I dismounted from the MRAP with Corporal Watson and moved to the subject. Upon reaching him he had already been handcuffed, it appeared he had been hit in the upper right chest (facing him) with a shotgun lying off to the side and Lt. Davis stated the subject had a pistol in his waistband and they had removed it when handcuffing him. The subject was still

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alive so the team immediately moved to "clear" the house while Sgt. Zimmermann, who has medical training, started cutting away the subjects shirt and we called up the team medic, Wesley Schneider, from the back of the MRAP to our location. Wesley Schneider moved to the subject with his medic backpack and started treating the subject along with Sgt. Zimmermann. After the team cleared the residence (approximately twenty to thirty seconds) we gave an "all clear" and other units started coming up to our location including an ambulance that had been staged at the command post on the southern perimeter. During this time the team's two snipers walked up to our location, I asked if they had fired rounds, they both stated negative so I asked about anyone else shooting other than Cpl. Watson, no one else had fired. The medics then loaded the subject into the ambulance and transported to another location where the subject was air flown to the hospital. I was later told that the medics and accompanying Lafayette County deputy found two other pistols on the subject in his front pants pockets (which made a total of four pistols on him). After the subject was transported we started securing the scene, putting out evidence tape and awaiting the pending investigation. Florida Department of Law Enforcement was contacted and within an hour agents from the Live Oak officer arrived on scene. Conversation between Sheriff St. John and this Officer post shooting with Officer Watson was that he was on paid administrative leave pending the investigation, per policy. Normally this Lieutenant would conduct the Agencies internal investigation but since I was involved I had to defer it to F.D.L.E. with their investigation. During this time phone calls were made to obtain a search warrant for the residence (I heard Chief Investigator Lisa Long talking to an Assistant State Attorney on the phone for this). After F.D.L.E. arrived their Agents began interviewing everyone that had been present at the scene ending with the SWAT team members (except Cpl. Zack Clark who went in the first set of interviews since he had to transport one of his children). After some discussion it was thought best to let Corporal Watson give his statements the following day to make sure he would have time to "gather his thoughts" to the best of his ability and not make statements so soon after a stressful situation. Team medic Wesley Schneider returned on scene after the subject was air flown from the scene and we were told about the two other pistols in the subject's front pockets that were found. We were advised the subject was still alive but in serious condition.

We then began checking the MRAP for possible bullet holes, I was told that the two shotgun fired brass were found to be double "O" buck shot magnum loads (later I was advised that the rest of the rounds found in the shotgun magazine were "slugs"). We found what could have been three to four hits on the driver side door and one at the edge of the door, looking at the front it appeared to be several small indentions on the front windshield in front of the driver position. Since none of us had ever seen impact hits on armored vehicles we could not swear

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these were in fact impact hits. I knew the armor on the MRAP was sufficient for shotgun, pistol and rifle rounds but I had been concerned about the turret where Cpl. Watson was at. There is an enclosed "tub" shield at this position but the front of the shield has a front plate with mount for the military machine gun and there is a two foot gap on the driver side and a one foot gap on the passenger side (for the gun mount to swivel). If rounds had found their way between these gaps then they would have bounced around inside the tub endangering the safety of the gunner.

When F.D.L.E. crime lab appeared they began processing the scene and eventually retrieved the M-4 weapon of Lt. Davis's (serial # A0158512), used by Corporal Watson which had been secured inside the MRAP after the shooting. After everyone had been interviewed and were relieved from the scene it was around 2100 hours before this Officer and Lt. Davis were allowed to leave the scene with the MRAP which was driven back to the office and secured.

For information purposes the SWAT team, with the exception of Team Leader Lt. Musgrove, use M-4 Colt select fire weapons that all are use the same equipment (flashlights, EOTech sights, three power magnifier's, etc.) and all M-4 weapons are zeroed at the same range (fifty yards / two hundred yards point of aim and point of impact). The Team snipers also are issued M-4 Colt rifles for entry details but are issued Remington 700 bolt action .308 caliber rifles for sniper details. Lieutenant Musgrove uses a SCAR 17S, .308 caliber semi-auto rifle with Trijicon ACOG four power sight. All team members cross train in all weapon systems except with the sniper rifles which are specific to only Cpl. Clark and Officer Horne.

The next morning (Friday), Cpl. Watson drove to Gainesville to attend the mandatory counseling session and upon his return after lunch he was interviewed by F.D.L.E. Agents and gave his statements. We also found out that possibly two rounds hit the suspect in the upper chest area and that one round had impacted on the pistol in his front waist band and shrapnel had hit into his stomach area.

We were advised that F.D.L.E. case number was TL-27-0030 and assigned to Agent April Glover with the Live Oak Office.

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On Thursday 11-02-17 at approximately 1152 this officer along with all members of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team were dispatched to assist the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

Upon arrival the SCSO SWAT team was informed that the subject Joseph, had pointed a pistol and what was believed to be a shotgun at multiple Law Enforcement officer's. The decision was made for this officer to be placed in the turret of the SWAT team's Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle in order to establish verbal communications with Joseph in an attempt to de-escalate the situation in the hopes of a peaceful resolution.

Upon the MRAP turning into the driveway this officer did observe Joseph to exit his residence carrying what appeared to be a shotgun, at which time this officer began to give loud and clear verbal commands "Joseph put it down, drop the gun". After exiting said residence Joseph did ignore all verbal commands and did then raise the aforementioned weapon and fired towards the SCSO MRAP, at which time this officer did return one shot as the vehicle was still in motion causing a tree to then obstruct this officer's view. After firing the initial shot this officer did again give the verbal command "Joseph put it down", at that time Joseph did come back into this officer's view where he was now in a kneeling position, at which time he did then fire a second round at Law Enforcement. At this time this officer did engage Joseph firing approximately four rounds until Joseph did no longer present an immediate threat to Law Enforcement. Once Joseph did lay back onto the porch where he had been kneeling, this officer informed the remainder of the SCSO SWAT team that the subject was down and that I would remain in position to cover their approach for the sake of officer safety.

Once the remainder of the SWAT team made contact, this officer did exit the turret and began to re-equip his SWAT vest, after which I did then rejoin the SWAT team as first aid was being rendered to Joseph by the team's medic.

For further details in reference to the information and planning prior to the incident, see the supplemental report by Lt. W. Musgrove 31-04.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) related report number TL-27-0030.

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OFFICER(S) REPORTING Cpl. Watson <i>Cpl. Watson 31-19</i>			ID NUMBER 31-19		UNIT Patrol		DATE 11-02-17		
OFFICER REVIEWING			ID #		ROUTED TO		ASSIGNED TO: BY: DATE		
CASE STATUS Closed		CLEARANCE TYPE 1 - ARREST 2 - EXCEPTIONAL 3 - UNFOUNDED 1		A - ADULT A J - JUVENILE		DATE CLEARED 11-02-17		ARREST # NUMBER ARRESTED 1	
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On November 2nd, 2017 at approximately 1151 hours I was dispatched along with members of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to assist Lafayette County Sheriff's Office.

Upon arrival the SCSO SWAT team was informed that the subject Joseph, had pointed a pistol and what was believed to be a shotgun at multiple law enforcement officers.

We then used SWAT armored vehicle to make contact with Joseph in an attempt to de-escalate the situation. Deputy Watson was stationed in the turret section of the vehicle to make contact with Joseph.

As we approached with the armored vehicle, Deputy Watson could be heard making multiple commands for Joseph to, "Drop the weapon!" A clear distinct shot from a shot gun could be heard followed return fire from Deputy Watson.

The armored vehicle was still in motion when an additional two rounds and another shotgun blast could be heard.

As the vehicle slowed to a stop, I exited the vehicle with the shield along with the rest of the team and maneuvered to the residence where Joseph was located. I could observe Joseph laying on the ground with only one hand visible. As we moved closer and could see both hands clear of any weapons, I then dumped the shield and placed Joseph in hand restraints. Once he was secure I then assisted Sergeant Barrs, Keith Davis, and Deputy Wolozyn with securing the residence.

This is all the information I have to report at this time.

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OFFICER(S) REPORTING Inv. Garcia <i>Jose Garcia</i>		ID NUMBER 31-41		UNIT DTF		DATE 11/02/17	
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